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## **Torrance Police Department joins the Statewide Click it or Ticket Campaign**

The Torrance Police Department will be joining Police Departments throughout California and aggressively looking for drivers and passengers who fail to buckle up during the 2012 “*Click it or Ticket*” seatbelt enforcement campaign, taking place May 21, 2012 through June 3, 2012.

According to the Office of Traffic Safety, California currently has one of the highest seatbelt use rates in the nation at 96.6 %, although that still leaves more than one million motorists who are at risk of serious injury or death. In 2010, estimates are that over 1,300 lives were saved by seatbelts in California. Another 110 lives could have been saved if seatbelts had been used.

The fine for seatbelt violations begin at \$159 for the first offense. Fines for failing to properly secure any child under the age of 16 begin at \$479 per child for the first offense, and \$1,079 or more for a second violation, plus there is a violation point added to their driving record.

The goal is to educate the public and gain compliance in an effort to reduce injuries and save lives

This effort supports the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan’s (SHSP) strategies to increase use of safety belts and child safety seats. The SHSP is a collaboration of Federal, State, County and local Governments, as well as numerous advocate groups, businesses, and community organizations working together with the goal of “*Toward zero deaths, every 1 counts.*”

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